GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Medical Equipment in PHCs
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government is aware that a large number of medical equipment in the Public Health Centres (PHCs) are non-functional thereby causing inconvenience to the patients and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has any monitoring mechanism in place to ensure proper maintenance and operational condition of these equipments and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and utilized for purchase of medical equipments in PHCs during the last three years, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the other steps taken by the Government to improve the maintenance of the medical equipments in PHCs?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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(a) to (d) Yes. Government is aware of the dysfunctional equipments in health facilities. The state wise biomedical equipment data on functionality is placed at Annexure.

Public health is a state subject. However, under National Health Mission, Government of India (GOI) provides technical and financial support to the States. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI has developed and disseminated the Guidelines for Biomedical Equipments Maintenance and Management Program. The Guidelines provide for outsourcing of Biomedical Equipments maintenance with payment linked to uptime of equipments. As per the request for proposal provided with the guidelines, the service provider is required to provide a real time dashboard for monitoring of equipment functionality status.

Data regarding funds allocated and utilized for purchase of medical equipment in PHCs is not maintained centrally by Government of India.